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## IN THE UNITED, STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael GROLL et al ~

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PURIFICATION AND CRYSTALLIZATION OF PROTEASOME

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 21, 1999

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, defete "one of the claims 1 to 3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 4" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 2 and 3, delete "one of the claims 1 to 4" and insert therefor

--claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 9".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of the claims 6 to 11" and insert therefor --claim 6--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "one of the claims 6 to 13" and insert therefor --claim 6--.

Claim 15, line 2, delete "one of the claims 6 to 14" and insert therefor --claim 6--.

Claim 16, 1ine 3, delete "one of the claims 8 to 14" and insert therefor --claim 8--.